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# Starter Question

Poll: [www.slido.com](http://www.slido.com) #TheDataDialogue

Have you ever:

- ☐ Worked with clinical data?
- ☐ Had clinical data recorded from you?
- ☐ Benefited from clinical data?

# The processes and benefits of sharing clinical data

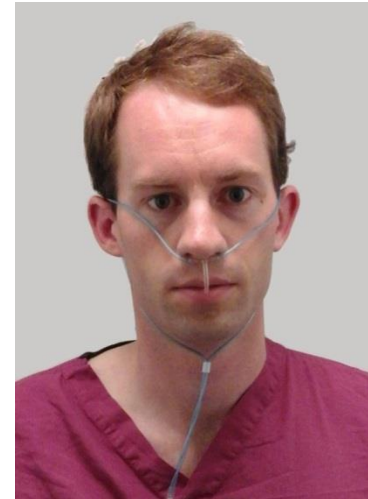
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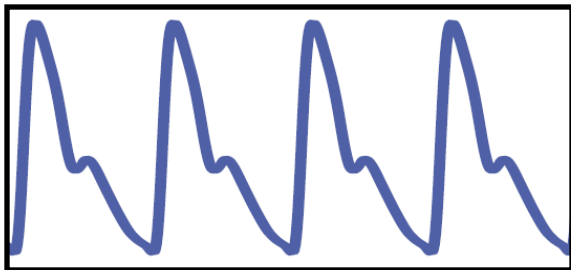
# Respiratory Rate Estimation Project



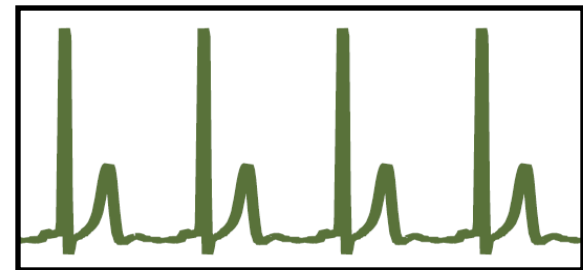
# An alternative approach



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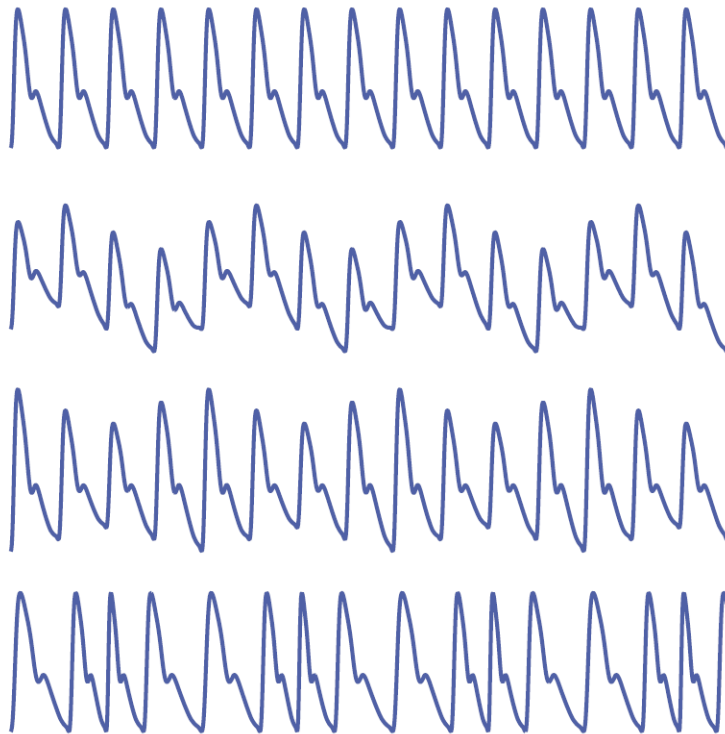


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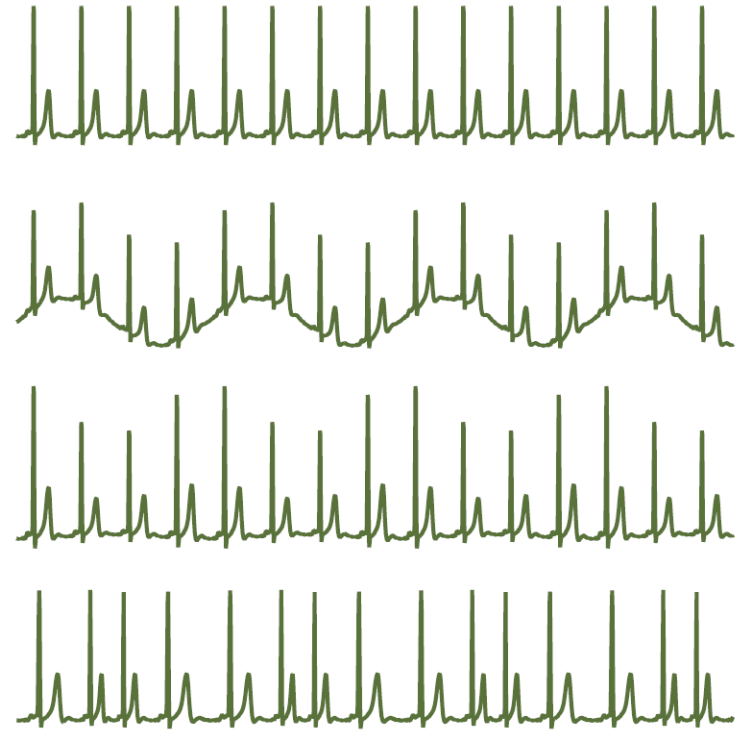


# Estimating respiratory rate

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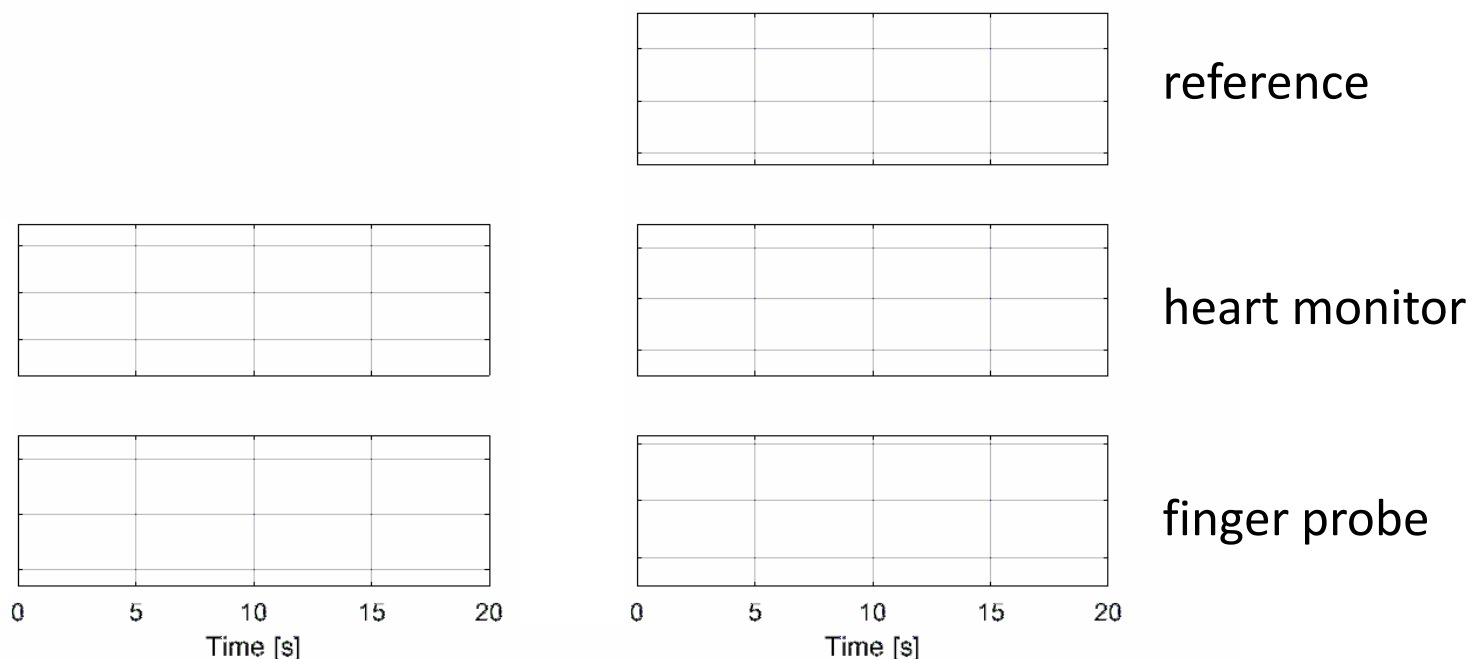


Adapted from:

- (1) Addison, P.S. *et al.*: Developing an algorithm for pulse oximetry derived respiratory rate (RR(oxi)): a healthy volunteer study. *Journal of Clinical Monitoring and Computing*, 26(1), 45-51 (2012), DOI: [10.1007/s10877-011-9332-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10877-011-9332-y); (2) Pimentel, M.A. *et al.*: Probabilistic estimation of respiratory rate from wearable sensors. in *Wearable Electronics Sensors*, Springer International Publishing, 15, 241-262 (2015), DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-18191-2\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-18191-2_10); and (3) Charlton P.H. and Bonnici T. *et al.* An assessment of algorithms to estimate respiratory rate from the electrocardiogram and photoplethysmogram, *Physiological Measurement*, 37(4), 2016. DOI: [10.1088/0967-3334/37/4/610](https://doi.org/10.1088/0967-3334/37/4/610)

# Aim

To assess the performance of algorithms to estimate respiratory rate from routinely monitored signals



# Secondary aims

Share ...

benchmark dataset

standardised implementations of algorithms

... for future research



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# The processes and benefits of sharing clinical data



“individually identifiable health  
information” <sup>[1]</sup>

patient care or a clinical trial <sup>[2]</sup>

Common law duty of confidentiality

Data Protection Act 1988 <sup>[3]</sup>

# The processes and benefits of sharing clinical data



# Processes

# Setting up a clinical trial

- Is my study clinical research? 

If so, it must:

- Comply with the [Declaration of Helsinki](#) <sup>[1]</sup> ...
- ... by following Good Clinical Practice <sup>[2]</sup>

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- Is my study clinical research? +

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This trial:

- changed patient care and generated generalisable findings
- was reviewed by ethics committee
- required informed consent and publication of trial design
- did not disclose participants' identities



# Preparation to share data

1. Plan in funding applications <sup>[3]</sup>

2. Plan to ask subjects for consent



- Include details in the information sheet
- Statement on consent form

(Consent may not always be required:  )

# De-identification

Clinical trial data must usually be de-identified before sharing: [7]

- It must not identify an individual
- There must be no reasonable basis to believe it can be used to identify an individual (multiple datasets?)



“The data holder is ultimately responsible for ethical and legal obligations” [4]



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*e.g. names, dates (inc. age)*

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“it is not possible to ensure that the probability of re-identification is zero” [8]

# De-identification

Data collection:

- Subject key

Subject ID	Participant
RRest001	Mark Antony
RRest002	Marcus Brutus
RRest003	Julius Caesar
RRest004	Octavius Caesar

- Filenames

*RRest001\_finger\_probe.csv*

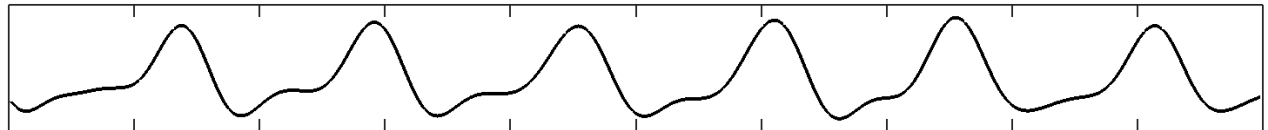
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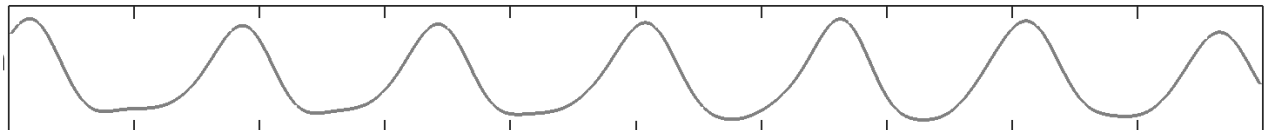
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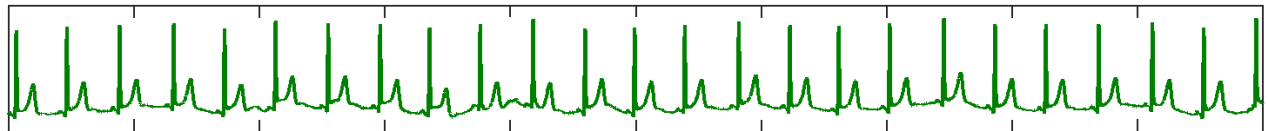
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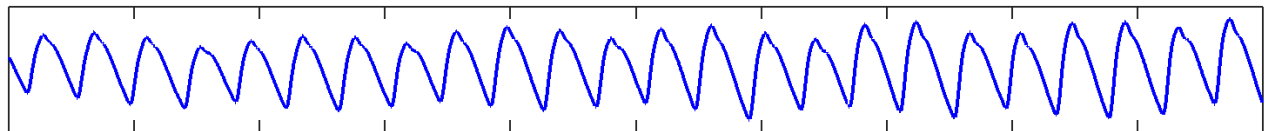
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finger probe



28<sup>th</sup> July:      12:31:47      12:31:51      12:31:55      12:31:59      12:32:03      12:32:07

Time [HH:MM:SS]

# De-identification

Pseudonymous

Age > 90

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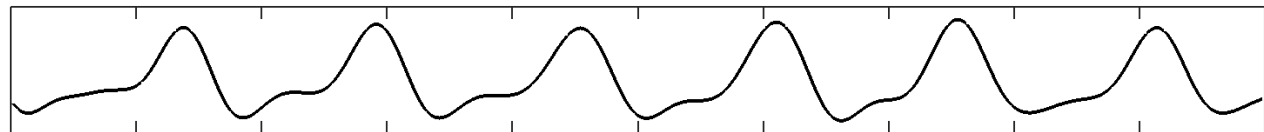
**RRest001**

Gender: Female

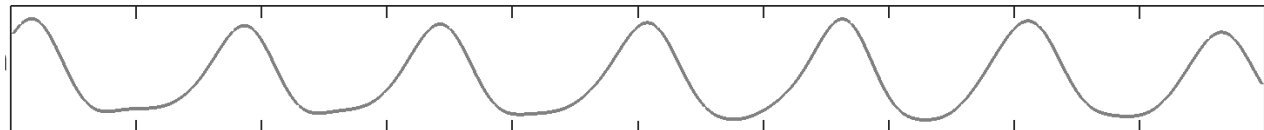
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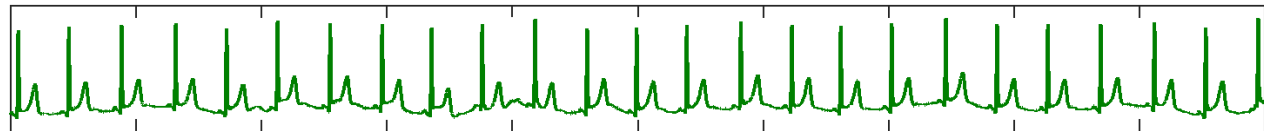
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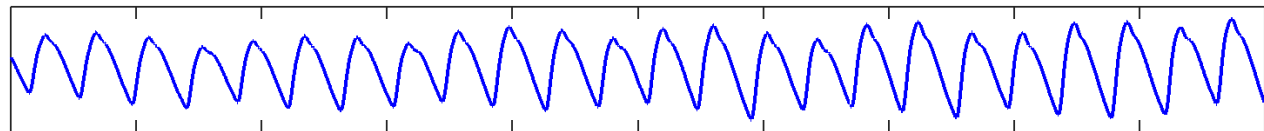
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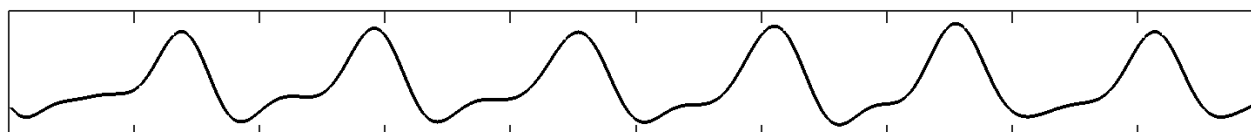
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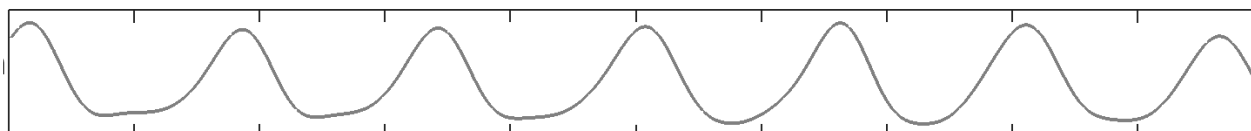
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Age: **Elderly**

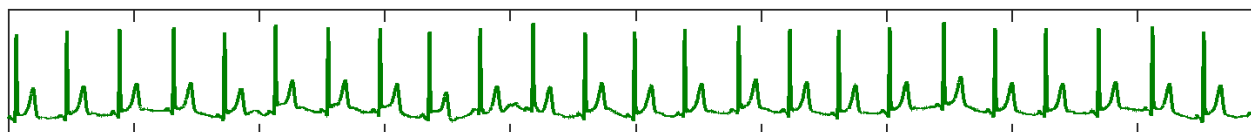
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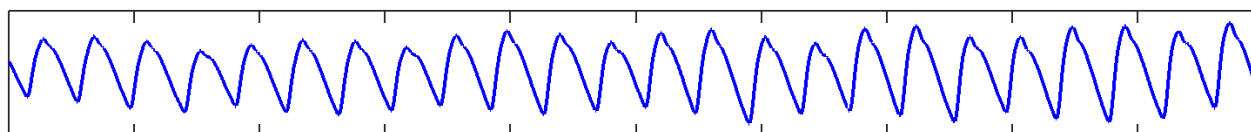
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# Data preparation

Data prepared for analysis:

- to reduce workload and domain-specific knowledge requirements
- whilst retaining all potentially useful information (usually not raw data <sup>[9]</sup>)



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This trial:

- re-format

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Milliseconds since 01.01.1970;SpO2-O2(%) ;Perf-  
REL(-) ;Pulse-Pulse(bpm) ;NBP-MEAN(mmHg) ;RR-  
RR(rpm) ;NBP-SYS(mmHg) ;NBP-DIA(mmHg) ;PVC-CNT(bpm)  
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This trial:

- re-format
- time-alignment



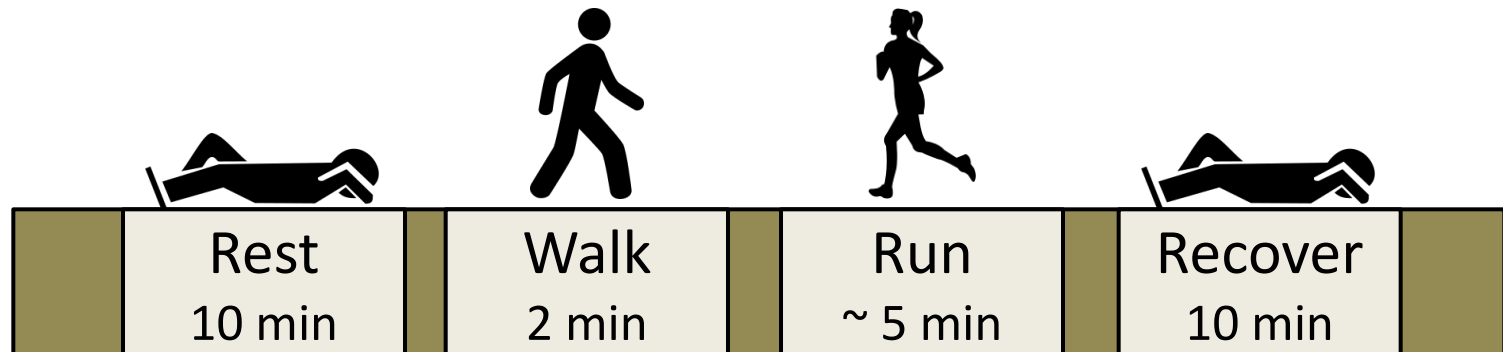
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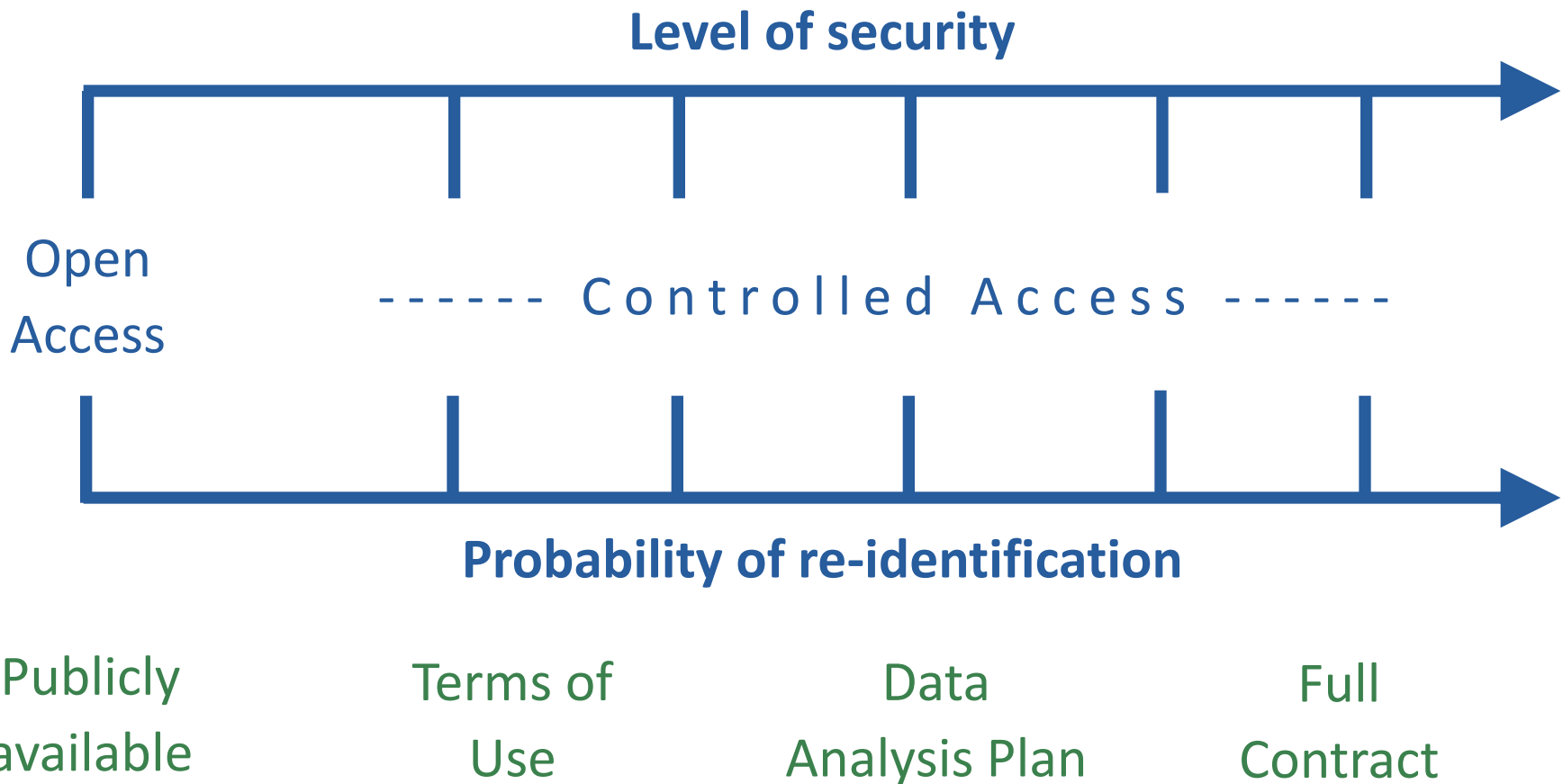
This trial:

- re-format
- extraction of relevant periods
- time-alignment



# Sharing data

Method: [5],[8]



# Sharing data

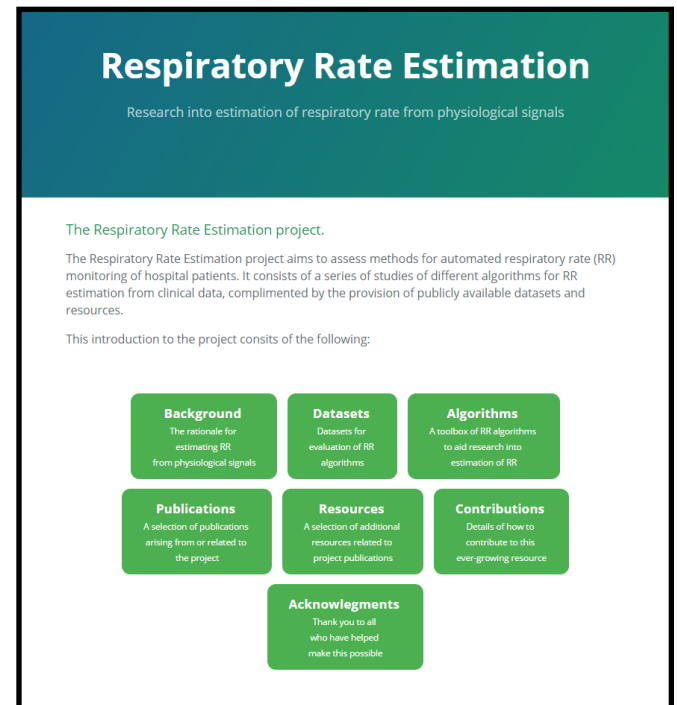
The following should be shared: <sup>[6]</sup>

- Analytic Dataset
- Metadata
- Protocol
- Study Analysis Plan
- Analysis code

# Sharing data

This trial:

- [Data](#): Open access, accessible format
- [Algorithms](#): GitHub respository



# Additional Materials

- User Manual
  - updated as Qs arise

## A Toolbox of Respiratory Rate Algorithms

This page provides an overview of RRest, a toolbox of respiratory rate algorithms. Further information is available from the pages listed on the right hand side.

1. What Is RRest?
2. What does RRest do?
3. Why is RRest helpful?
4. How is RRest designed?
5. How can I find out more?
6. How can I contribute to RRest?
7. What does RRest not do?

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- Algorithm Structure
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- Respiratory Rate Estimation
- Fusion of Respiratory Rates
- Signal Quality Assessment
- Reference Respiratory Rates
- Statistical Analysis
- Toolbox Versions

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### What is RRest?

RRest is a toolbox of algorithms for estimation of respiratory rate from physiological signals. It is written in Matlab format, and contains a wide range of algorithms previously reported in the literature. It is part of a larger project called the [Respiratory Rate Estimation](#) project. The project contains additional material such as [data](#) to use with the algorithms, [publications](#) arising from the project, and details of how to [make contributions](#).

### What does RRest do?

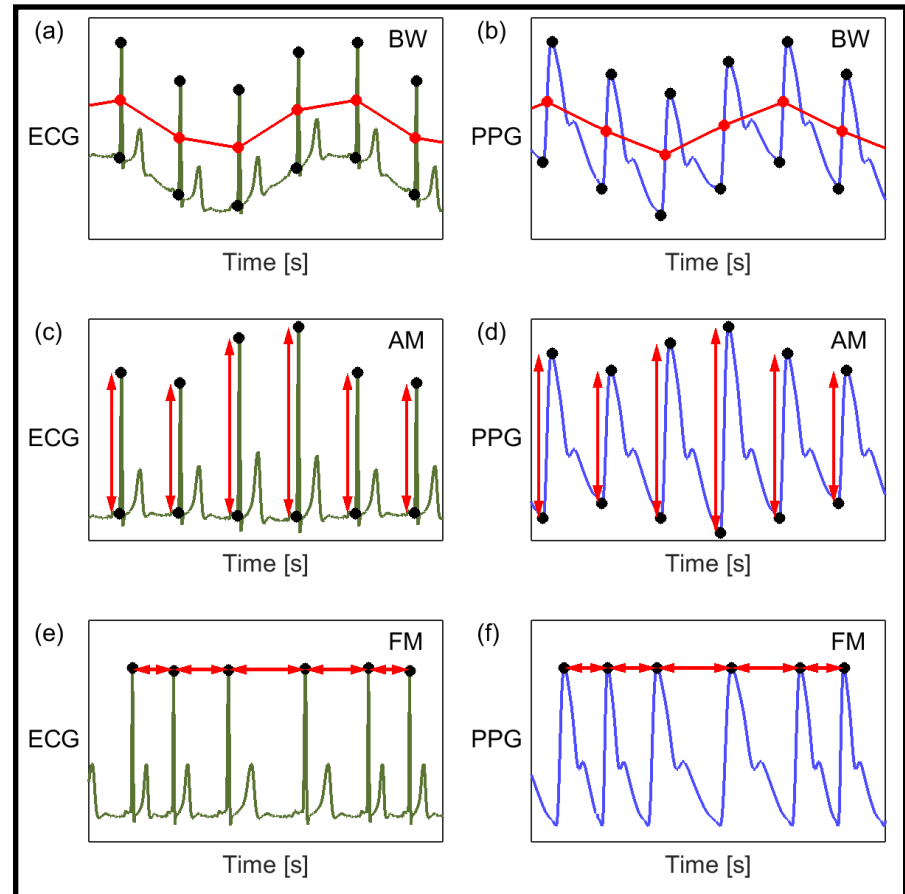
RRest estimates respiratory rate from windows of electrocardiogram (ECG) and pulse oximetry (photoplethysmogram, PPG) signals. It also estimates a reference respiratory rate from a simultaneous respiratory signal, such as an Impedance Pneumography signal.

### Why is RRest helpful?

RRest is a helpful resource for researchers in the field of respiratory rate estimation. It provides a set of RR algorithms for use with the ECG and PPG. This is helpful for:

# Additional Materials

- User Manual
  - updated as Qs arise
- Tutorial



Adapted from: [1]



# Additional Materials

- User Manual
  - updated as Qs arise
- Tutorial
- Instructions for replicating analyses

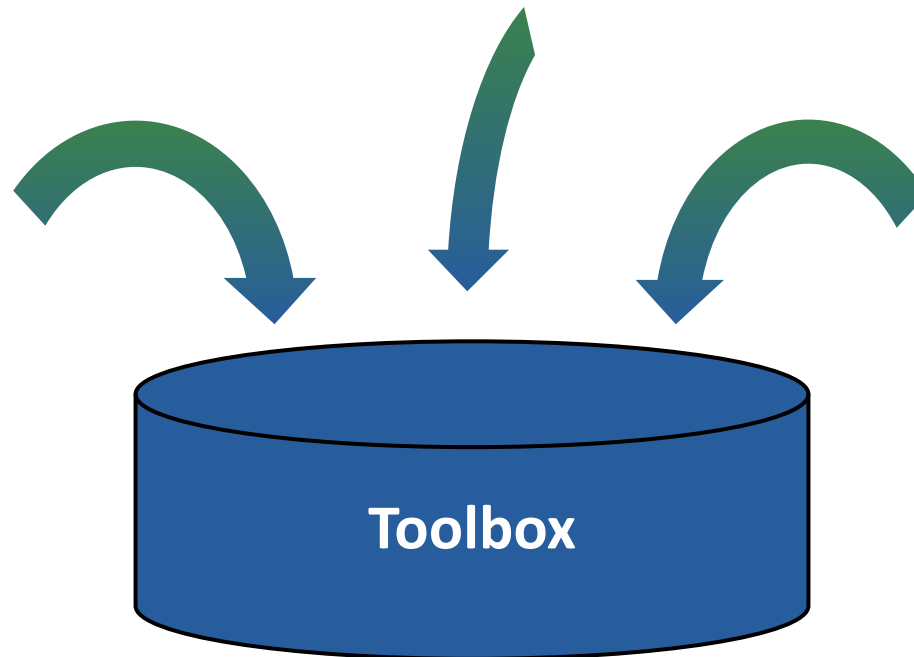
## Replicating this Publication

The work presented in this case study can be replicated as follows:

- Download data from the MIMIC II dataset using the script provided [here](#).
- Use Version 1 of the toolbox of algorithms. To perform the analysis call the main script using the following command: *RRest('mimicii')*

# Compatability

- Other datasets take a variety of formats
- They can be imported using the scripts provided



# Benefits

# This project

- Transparency
- Reproducibility
- Internal peer review
- Ongoing peer review
- Required by some journals <sup>[14]</sup> and funding providers

# Future benefits



- Build on our work
- More accessible to non-specialists
- Multiple dataset studies
- Promoting collaboration
- Increase speed of research
- New research questions
- Decreased burden on research subjects
- Education of students



# Conclusions

- Considered the processes for collection and sharing of clinical trial data, using the Respiratory Rate Estimation project as a case study.
- Looked briefly at the benefits of sharing clinical data
- Links are provided to references and additional resources

This presentation is part of the **Respiratory Rate Estimation Project** at:

<http://peterhcharlton.github.io/RRest/>

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*Foundational principles for clinical research*

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*A standard for ensuring the ethical quality of trials involving human subjects. Consistent with the principles in the Declaration of Helsinki.*

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*Helpful ‘how to’ for managing and sharing data, including: writing a data management and sharing plan (p.6)*

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*Helpful advice on sharing data from clinical trials, including: data sharing models (p.9); handling data requests (p.13); text for use in a consent form (p.16); an example Data Use Agreement (p.22).*

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*Essential reading – perhaps the most useful resource to date on sharing clinical trial data.*

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*A commentary by the Chair of the committee who contributed to the report in [6]. Considers the question of whether to share raw data.*

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# Additional Resources

# Is my study clinical research?

A study is clinical research if it involves:

- Randomised treatments, or
- Changing treatment / patient care from accepted standards, or
- Generalisable findings

For further information, and to check whether your study is classed as clinical research, see the tool at:

<http://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/research/>

# Obtaining consent to share data

Include information in the patient information sheet, and a statement in the informed consent form, such as the following text (as suggested by the Health Research Authority):

*“I understand that the information collected about me will be used to support other research in the future, and may be shared anonymously with other researchers.”*

These details are taken from [5], p.16



# Is consent required?

“The best way ... is to obtain consent” [5]

“Many jurisdictions ... do not designate anonymised health data as personal information. Therefore, such data would no longer be covered by privacy laws.” [8]

“A lack of consent for sharing should not prohibit sharing ... anonymised data” [5]

“Sharing of data without specific participant consent may be ethically acceptable and legally permitted in certain instances.” [6]

Usually anonymisation is a must. Even then, check with local authorities (e.g. Healthcare provider, Ethics Committee)



# Is consent required? A case study

The International Stroke Trial Database reported in did not require consent specifically for data sharing:

When creating this database, “consent for publication of raw data was not obtained from participants”. Whilst consent for participation in the trial was obtained, the patients “were treated 15-20 years ago, and many have died. The dataset is fully anonymous ... In our view, publication of the dataset clearly presents no material risk to confidentiality of study participants.” [15]

# How to share data

The UK Data Archive have suggested several ways of sharing data [3]:

- Data repository
- Supplementary material in a journal publication
- Institutional repository
- Project or institutional website
- Informal sharing with peers

For further details see p.4 of [3]

# Benefits of sharing data

Several benefits of sharing clinical data are mentioned in the literature, such as:

- Providing new insights [10]
- Clarifying the effectiveness and safety of medicines [10]
- Preventing repetition of data collection and research [10]
- Improving transparency [10]
- Improving public trust in research [10]
- Improved meta-analyses [11]
- Real-world examples for teaching [11]
- Speed up innovation [12]
- Reward risk of trial participants [13]

Several concerns are also mentioned in the literature, such as:

- Potential for misleading analyses of trial data [10]
- De-identification of trial participants [10]